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Ms. Jean Jewell
Commission Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
PO Box 83720
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POT-T-16-01

RE: Potlatch Telephone Company d/b/a TDS Telecom Broadband Tax Credit for
January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015

Dear Ms. Jewell:

Enclosed for filing is the application of Potlatch Telephone Company d/b/a TDS Telecom for a broadband tax credit for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. TDS Telecom requests that the Commission find the Company eligible to receive an Idaho tax credit and that the broadband equipment installed in the state of Idaho during these years meets the definition of qualified broadband equipment as set forth in Idaho code 63-3029I(3)(b).

1. Name and address of the applicant including a contact person in the event that there are questions regarding the application and its content.

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2. Indicate whether the applicant is a telecommunications carrier, a commercial mobile service carrier, a cable or video provider, a satellite carrier or other type of wireless carrier.

Potlatch Telephone Company is a telecommunications provider.

3. Identify the area or location where the equipment is installed in Idaho.

The equipment is installed in the areas of Juliaetta, Kendrick and Potlatch, Idaho.

4. Describe the type of broadband services offered to the public in Idaho.

The Company offers Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) services in the State of Idaho.

5. State the network transmission rate in bits per second at which subscribers to the relevant broadband services can send and receive.

The Company offers products capable of providing up to 25Mbps down.

6. Provide the specific list of the equipment types that the application is requesting that the commission determine is "qualified broadband equipment" as defined in Idaho code 63-3029I(3)(b). List the brand, manufacturer, model numbers, and or other distinguishing features of the installed equipment.

See attached.

7. Quantify the percentage and number of potential Idaho customers that could be served with the broadband equipment and the percentage and number of non-Idaho subscribers that will be/could be served by the broadband network.

With these improvements, the broadband will be available to approximately 2,037 Idaho households and businesses. This is approximately 94% of the total households in the Company's serving area with 69% having access to speeds of 10Mbps down or greater. There is no benefit to customers located outside of the State of Idaho. The 2015 broadband investment includes some of the costs associated with the stimulus project that was completed in 2014. The Company's share of the project costs that had not been recorded and closed previously has been included in this application.

8. Provide the dates and time periods that the broadband equipment was installed in Idaho.

The equipment was installed in the period between January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015.

9. Provide a written description (including the basic schematics or general drawings) of the relevant broadband network including a description of how the installed equipment is an "integral part" of the broadband network.

The equipment installed per the attached list was all placed into service within the state of Idaho. It is an integral part of a network that permits broadband signaling to occur.


10. Enclose a statement certifying that the applicant has read the applicable statutes for broadband investment income tax credit and the applicant believes that the

subject broadband equipment qualifies for the tax credit under Idaho Code 63-30291.

See attached statement of certification.

The Company respectfully requests this application be approved as filed. If you have questions or concerns regarding this filing, please contact me at either 541-516-8210 or gail.long@tdstelecom.com.

Sincerely,

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Gail Long
Manager – State Government Affairs

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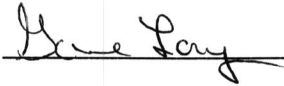
Potlatch Telephone Company
2015 Broadband Investment Summary (as of 12/31/2015)

Exchange	No.	Year	Type	Description	Total \$
KENDRICK	TC140326021	2015	DSL Demand	CAP KNDRID 32600 Calix ATM Uplink Augment	\$ 379.82
KENDRICK	TC140326023	2015	DSL Demand	DSA 32601 Southwick AFC Augment	23,240.53
KENDRICK	TC150326011	2015	ACS Demand	Hi-Cap Circuits	558.49
KENDRICK	TK032604	2015	DSL Demand	DSL CARD ADDITIONS	2,181.51
JULIAETTA	TCBBS376REC	2015	DSL Demand	Broadband Stimulus – Company Investment	74,015.50
TROY	TCBBS143REC	2015	DSL Demand	Broadband Stimulus – Company Investment	106,458.39
Multiple	TCBBS326REC	2015	DSL Demand	Broadband Stimulus – Company Investment	75,047.94
Total					\$ 281,882.18

IDAHO BROADBAND CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that representatives of Potlatch Telephone Company d/b/a TDS Telecom (the applicant) have read the applicable statutes for the broadband investment tax credit, and the applicant believes that the subject broadband equipment qualifies for the tax credit under Idaho Code 63-3029I.

Dated September 2, 2016

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Gail Long
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